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## **Correctional Officers to Tee-Off For Charity**

### ***Annual Wroten-McGuinn Golf Tourney At Wisp, Friday, September 19***

TOWSON, MD (September 16, 2008)---State correctional officers and public safety employees will once again honor their fallen colleagues and help a charity by hitting the links, as the Division of Correction holds its annual Wroten-McGuinn Golf Tournament in Western Maryland. The field of approximately 120 golfers will tee-off on Friday, September 19 at the Wisp Resort in Garrett County.

For years, correctional officers have held a golf tournament to raise money for charitable causes. Past beneficiaries include Hurricane Katrina victims, hospitals, and the children of slain correctional officers David McGuinn and Jeff Wroten, after whom the tourney is now named. This year, golfers will donate their proceeds to Maryland Hospice.

Correctional officers from as far away as the Eastern Shore, Baltimore, and Jessup will participate. More than 60 of the golfers work in the Hagerstown region prisons, and nearly 40 are from Cumberland area facilities.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for correctional officers, who do so much for their communities, to come together and help out a worthy cause," says Maryland Correctional Training Center Warden Ken Horning, the tournament organizer.

Adds Gary Sindy, Case Manager at North Branch Correctional Institution in Cumberland, and co-organizer of the event: "This is also a nice way to honor the memory of these two outstanding correctional officers."

Officer Jeff Wroten was shot by an inmate at Washington County Hospital in 2006; Officer McGuinn was stabbed by an inmate at the now-closed Maryland House of Correction in Jessup that same year. Both officers have children who were the beneficiaries of past golf tournament proceeds.

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